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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

EDITORIALS

Whether a paper is large or small, it should have an editorial page containing informative and vigorous comment by the editor on current affairs.

That is what Professor John L. Hulteng of the University of Oregon's School of Journalism told a conference of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association at Eugene recently.

"It is the editor's job," said Hulteng, "to help the reader to an understanding of the full significance of the news. The interpretative or expository editorial is one of the most effective instruments he can employ in that task."

The second and third parts of the editorial page's function as Hulteng sees things are closely related; that is, he says that if the editor expresses opinions clearly and vigorously, this stimulates the readers, and they in turn respond with letters to the paper, which Hulteng considers a very important feature of a good paper.

DISCOURAGED?

Oddly enough, though, the present writer has year after year attended the annual conference of labor editors sponsored by the State Federation of Labor and the UC Institute of Industrial Relations, and can't remember that the subject of editorial writing was ever taken up formally.

Informally, it gets taken up by some of the top brass there who make veiled remarks about "certain papers" that seemingly comment with too much irreverence on sacred cows. (We're always pleased when East Bay Labor Journal is referred to as "certain papers" for use of the plural makes our paper seem twice as big as it is.) Informally, too, the subject gets discussed by those who come around to the representative of the denounced paper, and whisper, "Keep it up!"

The fact seems to be that many labor papers are systematically discouraged from running any editorials with any bite to them. Yet as Professor Hulteng says, whether a paper is large or small—and goodness knows most of our labor papers are small—its duty is to publish stimulating editorials.

LET'S NAME NAMES

Let's name names. San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Sacramento are surely sizable labor centers. Yet San Francisco Labor, published by the Labor Council of that city, has a regular policy of not running editorials, though very occasionally it does run one as an isolated phenomenon. And the Los Angeles and Sacramento labor papers haven't run anything but canned stuff from national headquarters in their editorial columns since Towser was a pup.

Who's afraid of whom that there should be such evasion of editorial responsibility? Doesn't anything happen in San Francisco, Sacramento, and Los Angeles worthy of local editorial comment by the labor editors? Or does some heavy hand press down on the neck of the editors in those cities?

Apparently things worthy of commenting on by labor papers only happen in San Diego, Fresno, Bakersfield, and Oakland, where the editors all comment on current events. We don't always agree with our brother editors in the towns mentioned, but we like to read their stuff, because it's theirs and not taken out of a canned good warehouse.

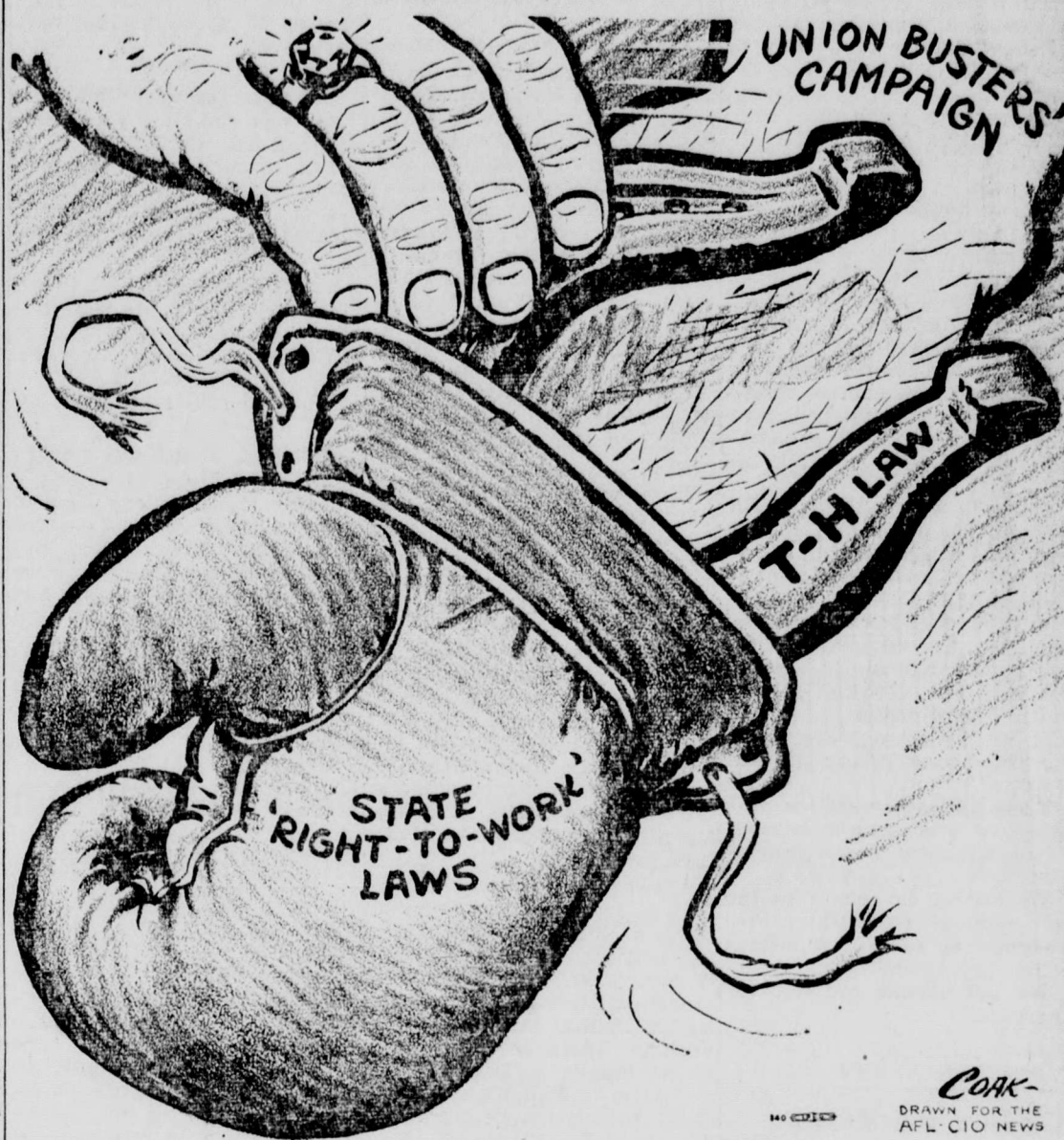
ANDREW J. GALLAGHER has announced his retirement from the U. S. Mediation and Conciliation Service. At one time Gallagher was secretary of the S. F. Labor Council. He will set up an office as a labor relations advisor.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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The Gimmick



New State BTC Head's Career; News Notes of Local Council

Bryan P. Deavers of Long Beach, who will become general president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, AFL-CIO, April 30, brings more than 35 years of union experience to his new position.

He was named to the presidency in February by the general executive council, succeeding Otto E. Never of San Francisco, who resigned due to ill health. He will fill Never's term which expires in 1957.

Deavers moves into the general president's chair from the Long Beach Building and Construction Trades Council.

In the Southern California city he holds the positions of secretary-treasurer and business representative. He is also vice-president of the state organization.

Deavers is a native of Allerton, Illinois, and attended schools in that State, also attending Bradley College and the State Mining School.

The former Matilda Starcevic of St. David, Illinois, became Mrs. Deavers. They have three children. A son Edward is recording secretary of Cement Masons Local No. 791 in Long Beach.

Deavers' experience in the union movement dates back to 1917 when he was serving his apprenticeship in the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers.

Since becoming secretary of the Long Beach Building and Construction Trades Council five years ago, Deavers has been credited with doing an excellent job of bettering public relations not only between labor and management but with the general public.

One of the high points in this was the dedication last November of the Long Beach Exceptional Children's School. This school, which provides special facilities for physically and mentally retarded children, was largely built by volunteer labor. Members of the various craft unions donated their time and skills in their spare time and weekends for two years.

Deavers acted in a liaison capacity to coordinate labor's contributions during construction of the structure which is valued at \$65,000.

Deavers plans visits to the councils and locals from Eureka to San Diego.

GRANITE CUTTERS
The new 2-year agreement of the Granite Cutters was filed and given approval at the last meeting of the Building Trades Council here. Effective January of this year, it sets up the following scale: journeymen curb-setters \$27 a day; inside journeymen \$21; outside journeymen \$21.50; apprentices \$15.50 with a dollar increase each six months until journeyman status is reached; helpers \$17.

KOHLER STRIKE
Letters urging support for the strike of Kohler Local 833, United Auto Workers, against the Kohler plumbing ware and

Beck Delays Loan To Ousted ILA As Meany Gets Tough

Labor's Daily reports that the Teamsters Union has delayed granting a \$400,000 loan to independent International Longshoremen's Association until the executive board of the Teamsters discusses the matter at its March 22-31 meeting in Honolulu.

AFLCIO President George Meany had announced that he was investigating the loan to the longshore outfit, which was kicked out of the AFL as a racket-ridden organization. Meany in his announcement said that "as soon as I obtain the facts, I will take whatever action the circumstances warrant."

This was widely interpreted by the daily press to mean that if Teamsters President Dave Beck stood firm on the loan to ILA, the big Teamsters Brotherhood faced the possibility of expulsion from the AFL-CIO.

Beck had first declared that the matter was not one the international could take up, as regional groups of the union had the right to take action on their own on such subjects.

But Labor's Daily reports that after Beck made this statement, "Meany contacted Beck. The AFLCIO president told him that the merged federation would take swift action if any branch of the Teamsters joined an alliance with a union which had been expelled."

Beck, say Labor's Daily, then got in touch with James Hoffa, the international vice president of the Teamsters who through a regional setup had arranged the \$400,000 deal. Hoffa is reported to have agreed to defer the deal until the meeting of the executive board in Hawaii.

Meanwhile, Beck says, he got J. Albert Woll, Teamsters counsel, also on the AFLCIO legal staff, to re-examine the Teamsters constitution. Sure enough, Woll found a clause enabling Beck to intervene in the affairs of Hoffa's region.

Former President P. O. Clerks Passes

Harry Sunderland, general superintendent of mails at Oakland Post Office, passed away Tuesday. Although he had been under a physician's care, his death came as a surprise.

He had been in the postal service 35 years, and in the twenties was president of Post Office Clerks 78.

A veteran of World War I, Sunderland is survived by his wife, Madeline, and two sons. Mrs. Sunderland has long been active in P-TA affairs, and was a candidate for the Oakland School Board.

Labor League In Hayward For Attaway

It was made very clear in Hayward this week that the Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL is strongly backing Floyd Attaway for election to the Hayward City Council in the election April 10.

Andre LaRoche, secretary-treasurer of the league, issued a statement as follows:

Open Letter to All Union People in the Hayward Area:

Traditionally organized labor has battled for the right to work under decent conditions and benefits. In the last few years it has been necessary for us to enter the political battlefield to safeguard our conditions and way of life. To this end we have always supported progress in any form, especially so if it should supply steady employment for 3500 people, either men or women, also employment for the construction trades to the tune of \$28,000,000.

Should we have rejected such a project? No. We all agree that such a project would be a good thing for organized labor to support.

Of course, you guess by now we are speaking of the Sears-Kahn shopping center project on Winston street and the Freeway in Hayward.

Yet in the political hassle for the best position in the coming Hayward City Council election one of our own kind and creed, one Manuel Castro, secretary-treasurer, Cannery Workers Union 768, took it upon himself to qualify as an expert on political economy, and raised doubts as to the benefit the people of Hayward would receive from a project of this type.

The method Mr. Castro adopted was to distribute dozens of full page circulars all over Hayward denouncing Floyd Attaway, business representative of the Hayward Culinary Workers, and member of the Planning Commission of Hayward, for his approval of the zoning necessary to make this \$28,000,000 shopping center a reality. He accused Attaway, also a candidate for the Hayward City Council in the coming election, of being a "subdividers' stooge" and working against the interests of the people.

What in the world could motivate Mr. Castro as a supposed labor champion to take issue with a plan that would give work to many construction men and when completed would employ 3500 union men and women? The so-called Good Government League of Hayward, recently formed primarily by downtown merchants, could not have done better themselves, for they are the main force against the Sears-Kahn project.

The so-called Good Government League wishes to stack the Hayward City Council in the April 10 election to determine by majority vote of the City Council to reject the Sears-Kahn shopping center.

So it is up to us now. Shall a handful of merchants and one misguided labor official deprive us of the benefits of this shopping center? Or shall we stand unitedly to work all together to make this shopping center a reality?

Floyd Attaway, a courageous Planning Commission member, business representative of the Culinary Workers, and also a candidate for the Hayward City Council needs your support, for he truly stands out as a champion of labor, honesty, and integrity.

Yours fraternally,

ANDRE LA ROCHE,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Southern Alameda County
Voters League-AFL

Paint Makers 1101 Organize 2 Plants

Two recently established East Bay plants have been organized for Paint Makers 1101 by Jack Kopke and Pete Ceremello, and contracts have been signed with management.

The concerns are the Nordstrom Seal-tuf Co. of Oakland, and the Reliance Chemical Co. of Richmond.

The Reliance Co. is a national concern which landed a big contract out here for a fire-resistant paint it produces, and set up one more plant in its chain.

Jobless Benefits Complaint System Is Set Up By CLC

The Central Labor Council this week voted to have any affiliated labor union's member who has trouble about unemployment insurance benefits, workmen's compensation, or sickness disability, report his troubles to the CLC office.

The special committee set up to attend to these matters will then check to make sure that the complainant's union is ready to press the union member's case, or will make other arrangements if necessary, said CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx, reporting on sessions of the committee.

The committee, set up at the suggestion of Russ Crowell of Cleaners 23, includes Al Brown, Milk Drivers 302; Joe Canale, Bartenders 52; Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304; as well as Crowell and Groulx.

Groulx said that the scope of the committee's function is so comprehensive that it was felt the best thing to do was immediately to get going on the plan outlined above and accepted by the council.

Clerks' Crossler To East; Philpott Comes West Again

James A. Suffridge, general president of the Retail Clerks International Association, has announced that Anthony B. Crossler is going from his California post for the union to become overall director of organization for the international union on March 19.

John P. Philpott is returning to California from the union's headquarters in Washington to take over as acting organizing director of the union's southwestern division. This is the post which Crossler, international fourth vice president, has held for some years.

Crossler, native of Milwaukee, began work in retailing in San Francisco. He was successively business representative of Local 648 there, secretary of the State Council of Retail Clerks, southwestern organizing director and an international vice president.

Philpott was formerly secretary of Department and Specialty Store Clerks 1265 in Oakland, the post now held by Russ Mathiesen, but has now for some years been administrative assistant to President Suffridge. Suffridge himself was formerly secretary of Food Clerks 870, the post now held by Harris Wilkin.

Other changes in staff affecting other parts of the country are announced by Suffridge.

Aqueduct Favored By Labor Gets Nod

The Assembly Ways & Means Committee has given approval to a \$3,550,000 appropriation to get the proposed \$60,000,000 aqueduct from the San Joaquin delta to Alameda county under way.

Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, reported on this to the Central Labor Council Monday, and said that the next meeting of the water resources citizens' committee assembled by the Board of Supervisors will be held in the city hall at Hayward March 21. Kopke, E. H. Vernon of Automotive Machinists 1548, and BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers are members of the committee.

The proposed aqueduct, which has so far passed only the Ways & Means hurdle, would run from the delta through the Livermore valley to Mission San Jose and Warm Springs, thence into Santa Clara and San Benito counties.

Cannery Workers Ask Pension Dime

The Teamster-affiliated California Council of Cannery Unions is negotiating a contract for the coming season with the California Processors & Growers Association, which represents some 33 major canneries in the State.

The unions are asking, in addition to a wage increase, a 10-cent hourly contribution per worker to a pension fund, and some of the big canneries have withdrawn from the employers' bargaining association, preferring to deal separately with the unions because of this demand.

AFLCIO ON KGO

The AFLCIO announces from Washington that the schedules Monday through Friday of Commentators Edward P. Morgan and John W. Vandercreek on KGO are: Morgan 6:45 p. m.; Vandercreek 10:05 p. m.

Boliver Moore In Supervisor Race, Speaks to Labor

Dr. Boliver Moore, who made a strong run for Supervisor in the Fifth Supervisorial District 4 years ago, is back in the race this year in that district, and spoke before the Central Labor Council Monday.

Dr. Moore pointed out that redrawing of the district lines has added a great many more voters to it, and that many of them are not members of the West Oakland group on whose support he counts rather confidently. Accordingly, he said, he hoped organized labor would help him finance his campaign.

Dr. Moore ran in 1952 against the then incumbent, Cliff Wixson. In the latter part of 1954 Wixson resigned and Governor Knight appointed E. P. Ruzeto to his place to fill out his term. Dr. Moore remarked Monday that while the incumbent, a law partner of Republican Congressman John J. Allen, is a registered Democrat, "I never see him at Democratic meetings."

Dread Word 'Slum' Gets Respectable

The word "slum" which for many years was not allowed to sully the pages of any paper in Alameda county except East Bay Labor Journal was getting a big rehabilitation this week as part of the urban renewal program.

The Grand Jury was investigating charges that public money expended for relief was in effect subsidizing the slum dwellings in which many of the relief recipients live, since the owners of the dwellings are paid rent out of the relief money.

The Oakland Tribune revealed the discovery, in an editorial, that "there are important human values involved in this situation, as is obvious."

The fall of a 7-year-old boy, Jesse Flores, through the rotten floor of the type of dilapidated dwelling which for many years was denied the name of slum, helped to start the music.

Paint Makers of State Meet Here

Paint Maker locals from all over the State had representatives today (Friday) at a conference in the Labor Temple called by Jack Kopke, special organizer for the Painters Brotherhood.

The conference is evaluating scales paid in various sections, and considering contractual proposals for the next negotiations.

Paul Nicely, now in Los Angeles, formerly with Local 1101 here, is attending; John Shoop of San Francisco; Ray Angelo, representing San Mateo and Santa Clara counties; Pete Ceremello of Local 1101; and others from Marin, Contra Costa, and Sonoma counties.

WEST COAST LONGSHOREMEN belonging to the independent ILWU headed by Harry Bridges have conferred in San Francisco on contract demands for coming negotiations. The master contract expires June 15. It may be extended to achieve a common termination date with the East Coast contract for longshoremen, who belong to the International Longshoremen's Association.

APRIL 12 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR VOTING IN THE JUNE PRIMARY

April 12 is the deadline for registering to vote in the June elections.

If you failed to vote in the last Statewide primary election, and if you also failed to vote in the general election, then you have to re-register.

In order to register, you have to have been in the State one year, in the county 90 days, and in the precinct 54 days.

County Clerk Jack Blue reminds you that you can register in any firehouse.

Asian 'Sons' Smuggled In For Peonage?

At the meeting of the Central Labor Council next week it is expected that either J. F. Galliano or Paul Paduck of the law firm which gives legal advice to the council will be present to describe some of the complex issues now being threshed out in Federal Court concerning the alleged smuggling in of Chinese to live in a state of peonage in California.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash told the delegates this week some of the background of the case in which Paduck has been appearing as attorney for Retail Clerks 17 in Marysville. The union there is concerned about the number of Chinese in that area who seemingly work for little or nothing in retail establishments, fearing that if they protest against their low wages and treatments they may get deported as illegal immigrants.

Ash concluded his account of the case by recommending that the council endorse the action of the U. S. Department of Justice insofar as it is intended to end what seem to be peonage conditions, but that the council wait until it receives advice from Galliano or Paduck on the civil rights issue which has been raised in connection with the case. The delegates adopted both recommendations.

Ash said that many persons had been telephoning him and coming in to see him about the alleged violations of civil rights. These have come up in connection with the Government efforts to subpoena Chinese family records.

The Government lawyers contend that these family records should be examined, as they are believed to contain the true names of illegal immigrants who have been brought into this country under assumed names.

Ash was invited to meet Federal District Attorney Burke and other Government representatives in the matter, and did so in San Francisco.

Burke and his associates outlined their contentions to Ash. They charge that there is a flourishing business in Hongkong devoted to getting Chinese, ostensibly sons of Chinese-Americans, brought over here, and that the thing has been worked up to an extent that every wife in China of the Chinese-Americans who have made periodic visits to the homeland would have had to bear 800 children in order to make up the number of those already entered or trying to enter the U. S.

Ash, as the matter was outlined to him, remembered that 18 years ago, when he was first becoming a paid officer of the labor movement, the Clerks, Butchers, and Retail Delivery Drivers were worried about this very matter, and held conferences with the Chinese Six Companies trying to straighten it out.

Local Optionists Opposed by Labor

Robert S. Mathers, secretary-treasurer, Los Angeles Joint Council, Laundry & Dry Cleaning Workers International Union, has notified the Central Labor Council that his organization is opposed to the so-called local option proposal.

Mathers urges all members of organized labor to refuse to sign "any petition designated to promote local option or local prohibition."

Edrie Wright, Culinary 31, told CLC delegates this week that at the State conference of culinary unions held recently in the southern end of the State much concern was expressed at the spread of the movement, backed, she said, by many church groups, to get the local option measure on the ballot in June.

Postal Council's Officers Seated

The Postal Central Council for this area, made up of delegates from postal AFLCIO unions, has installed the following officers:

President, Edward Bardsley; vice president, Theodore Pursey; secretary, George A. Jacobson; treasurer, Wilbur Gram.

HOW TO BUY

High Cost of Eyeglasses
By SIDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Satisfactory eyeglasses are almost as necessary to workers as their tools or even their hands. Let alone the need for satisfactory vision in the ordinary affairs of living, a worker simply has to be able to see in clear detail the work on his bench, the figures on her calculating machine, the reading on his gauges, the labels on boxes stacked on shelves, etc. Especially as workers get older, visual aids become imperative.

But the problem, as Reader B. H. puts it, "Why do glasses cost \$30 in my town while you can get them for \$12 in a large city like Chicago? Is there any difference in quality or other reason for this big difference in price?"

The answer is that most eyeglass prescriptions should not cost more than \$12 to fill. They need not cost even that much in New York, the Union Optical Plan which services most unions there, is able to dispense eyeglasses at an average cost of \$6.87 including examination lenses and frames, even including fancy frames which are actually the largest cost in filling a prescription for ordinary single-vision eyeglasses.

But when Bernard Englander, director of Union Optical Plan, recently visited Akron, O., to help local unions establish a cooperative eye-care plan as part of the Cooperative Shopping Center there, he found local shops charging \$25-\$30. On a countrywide basis, the average cost of glasses is \$18.

Then why do many opticians charge \$25-\$30? Sometimes the extra price is caused by expensive location and advertising costs or because the shop sells on credit. But often the optical business is simply a matter of judging how much you are able and willing to pay. An optician sometimes will rattle out a price like \$32, and watch your face for your reaction.

There is sometimes another factor. Despite the Government's efforts to wipe out the kickback racket, whereby the optician remits as much as 30-40 percent of the fee for glasses to the doctor who prescribes them, kickbacks still do exist, according to people in the trade whom this writer has consulted. Now kickbacks are said to take more devious forms, such as re-furnishing the doctor's office.

Higher-priced opticians generally tend to justify their charges on the basis that they use only first-quality lenses and take more time fitting. It is true that some low-price shops may rush examination or fitting, but on the other hand, lower-price opticians

claim that the high-priced ones tend to exaggerate the time needed to justify their prices. And while there are differences in quality of lenses, even this does not justify the price difference. The actual difference between good and lower-quality lenses is only 25 cents, and reliable low-price opticians do use first quality.

In some states opticians and optometrists have influenced legislation to bar low-price operations through such expedients as preventing opticians or optometrists from incorporating, out-of-state opticians from practicing, etc.

But union co-op (optical) plans are spreading. A number of cities have cooperative eye-care centers, agreements with local opticians or clinics in conjunction with health-insurance plans, including Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D. C., several Michigan and West Coast cities, and others. A local union of retail and wholesale workers in New York even has its own optical shop for members.

Buyer Beware

Worst Buys

The Government now offers a list of "worst buys" for the guidance of the American consumer.

The Federal Trade Commission—which rides herd on the advertising claims of business—says the public should be wary of get-rich-quick schemes, something-for-nothing offers and so-called cure-alls.

The commission compiled for the United Press this list of 10 worst bargains:

Cure-all medicine... "earn-big-money-at-home" deals... hair restorers... correspondence schools that promise government jobs.

Lotions that positively prevent sunburn... do-it-yourself eyeglass kits... grass seed for lawns that need no mowing... "reconditioned" articles advertised as lures... phony furs... and television repair come-ons.

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To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

THE LITTLE GIRL was playing in her backyard in Richmond when a steel-tipped arrow whizzed over the fence and struck her in the eye.

Doctors, after operating on her, said she would lose the sight in the eye and probably the eye itself.

THREE DAYS LATER in another town a little boy was running around shooting arrows at the family dog and at everything else in sight.

The attention of the father of the little boy was called to the fact that the arrows his son was shooting about were steel-tipped.

"Oh, is that so?" said the father indifferently.

"I KNOW," shouted the little boy gleefully, "you're thinking about that little girl whose eye got shot out!"

As he spoke, he shot another steel-tipped arrow.

Well, as Longfellow, wasn't it, said:

"I shot an arrow in the air. It fell to earth, I know not where."

And, apparently, who cares where it falls?

Home Furnishings

Oven Heights

Having built-in ovens at the right height can save housewives considerable energy and add to kitchen convenience a U. S. Department of Agriculture study shows. Housing specialists of the Department's Agricultural Research Service find that getting a heavy roast in and out of an oven with the roasting rack about 16 inches from the floor takes almost 70 percent more energy than if the rack is 36 inches above floor level.

The study indicates also that the "eye-level" ovens in some new homes, with racks higher than 40 inches from the floor, are more energy-consuming and less convenient to use than ovens installed nearer waist level.

The housing specialists conclude from this study that, to save cooking effort, inside bottoms of most built-in electric ovens should be about 32 inches from the floor, placing the lowest rack about 35 inches above floor level and broiler racks at about 40 inches. For most gas ovens, the interior bottom should be about 34 inches from the floor, which puts the lowest oven rack at about 37 inches and broiler racks at or above 28 inches.

THE BEST LABOR-MANAGEMENT show in the world will be held in Seattle's Civic Auditorium from April 20 to 25—the AFL-CIO Union Industries Show of 1956. Spread over 150,000 sq. ft. of floor space will be some 400 booths with exhibits and demonstrations attesting to the progress the two great partners in production have made in building up American living standards under the free enterprise system.

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Child-rearing

U. S. Children

In the United States children bring up their parents, but in England it is still the other way round, Sir Basil Henriques declares.

Sir Basil, a prominent English social worker and an authority on juvenile delinquency, has been on an extensive lecture tour in this country. He served as magistrate in the East London Juvenile Court from 1924 to 1937 and as chairman of that court from 1937 until his retirement last year.

The lack of discipline in the home is one of the principle reasons for the "alarming" juvenile crime in America, Sir Basil said.

"The modern mother in America reads a few books on psychology which she does not understand," he commented. "Then she takes care never to require the child to do anything he doesn't want to do, for fear of giving him insecurity feelings and a complex. The result is the child grows up unfitted for life, which consists in large part of doing what we don't want to do."

"In England, we bring a young offender before the court for the smallest offense, the theft of a few cents worth of chocolate, for example. In America, by the time a juvenile delinquent is often too late to do anything for him."

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

AT LONG LAST a fence has been built around a certain quarry in San Francisco where one child was killed and another injured.

Residents of this area had long known that this dangerous spot was unprotected and had made protests about it. Nothing was done, however, until there was a fatal accident.

At a certain blind intersection in the Bay Area there had been several minor accidents. Residents of this area had petitioned that a stop sign be erected. This petition was denied.

Then there was a fatal accident at this corner. The authorities promptly erected a stop sign.

When human beings have died in a fire in some building well known to be a fire-trap, we make a big to-do about our fire laws, and for a time, they are enforced—in spots.

In our modern way we have a great deal of horror and contempt for those ancient ancestors of ours who made human sacrifices. Such things are quite beyond our understanding, we say.

How are we so different? We do not surround our human sacrifices with rituals and ceremonies, but do we not demand them, just the same?

Entreaties and petitions often seem to have very little effect upon some of those in authority until the situation is dramatized by a death.

It is hypocrisy, however, to lay the blame upon "the authorities."

Each and every citizen who knows of a potentially hazardous condition is equally responsible.

We cannot lay claim to the privileges of citizenship until we grow up to the realization of our responsibilities.

We, the citizens, are "the authorities."

Household Hints

This and That

A spoonful of lemon sherbet in a glass of chilled cranberry juice makes a refreshing appetizer for lunch or dinner.

To keep macaroni or spaghetti from boiling over, add a teaspoon of butter to the cooking water.

Destroy the odor of boiling shrimp by dropping a few fresh celery leaves into the pot.

Use a pair of tweezers to remove the pin feathers that may remain on a chicken or turkey.

Store apples in plastic bags in the refrigerator to prevent them from drying out.

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Adlai's List Has Many Labor Names

Note: Last week East Bay Labor Journal ran the names of Bay Area labor people on the Kefauver delegates list. Next week the complete list of labor people from all over the State on the Kefauver list will be published.

Names of 136 delegates for Adlai Stevenson for the Democratic nomination for President have been filed at Sacramento, and include many well known labor people.

Labor people noted on the list of delegates and alternates are:

Anthony G. Ballerini, Menlo Park, Machinists; Jack Goldberger, San Francisco, Newspaper Drivers; Marie A. Bruce, San Francisco, Communication Workers; Otto E. Sargent, San Jose, Santa Clara County BTC; Victor S. Swanson, San Francisco, Operating Engineers; Matthew O. Tobriner, Teamsters attorney; A. J. Gruhn, Humboldt County Central Labor Council; William V. Ellis, Firemen & Engineemen; Congressman John F. Shelley, San Francisco, former president of the State Federation of Labor; A. B. Allison, Walnut Creek, Steelworkers.

Everett Lowell Nelson, Solano County Labor Council; J. L. Childers, Piedmont, Alameda County BTC; John Schiavone, San Leandro, State Council of Machinists; Carl Jones, San Bruno, Steelworkers; A. R. Tully, Los Gatos, Bricklayers; W. J. Kiser, Modesto, Stanislaus County Labor Council; John A. Despol, Los Angeles, State CIO Council; Joseph Christian, Los Angeles BTC; Thomas Consiglio, Downey, Steelworkers; Goodie Goodman, Glendale, Machinists Nonpartisan Political League.

Albert Lunceford, South Gate, Los Angeles CIO Council; George O'Brien, Montebello, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; William B. Piercy, Torrance, Marine Clerks; Charles J. Smith, Downey, Steelworkers; Mark S. Whiting, South Pasadena, Dairy Workers; John G. Bell, Temple City, State Association of Electrical Workers; W. B. Smith, San Pedro, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Ed Riley, San Diego, Teamsters.

SAN LEANDRO'S \$6,000,000 school bonds were approved by a vote of 5436 to 1142 in the election held March 13. The bonds will finance a five-year building program for the San Leandro Unified School District. The major project is a new high school on a 40-acre site at First Avenue and the Eastshore Freeway.

BAYWOOD, a 300-acre area with 1500 residents, voted Mar. 13 to reject annexation to Hayward. The vote against annexation was 261 to 108.

MULLIN' IT OVER

By BILL MULLIN, Advertising Manager

When I first started to contact our business people here and talk to them about advertising in East Bay Labor Journal, some of them would say: "How much is it read? How many people get it?"

We all know on the paper that people do read it. Just make a mistake and see how soon you're told about it on the phone!

As for how many get it, the Post Office and those of us on the paper know the answer to that one: Over 27,800 families receive it through the mail each week.

But some business men say: "How do you know your readers read the ads?"

The answer to that one's easy, too: We've had advertisers tell us they're very well pleased with the results they get.

Some, however, feel they don't. And that's the way it is with all papers printing advertising. Some say they do, some say they don't.

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SPECIAL NOTE TO UNION READERS: Since there's a strike against one optical firm, and since some of the optical firms have locked out members of the striking union, please notice that East Bay Labor Journal carries the ad of a union firm which the union urges that you patronize. It's Dr. Eugene Laisne, corner 13th and Broadway, downstairs: TEmplebar 2-0585.

Back Pay May Run High as \$500,000

ROME, Ga. (AFL-CIO) — As much as half a million dollars in back pay may be coming to 48 cotton mill workers here as a consequence of a ruling involving a 1948 strike at the Anchor-Rome Mills here. James O'Shea, representative of the Textile Workers Union, says a maximum of 700,000 hours of lost time must be computed before the exact amount owed the strikers of seven years ago is known.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans upheld a 1953 decision of the National Labor Relations Board that the Anchor-Rome Mills failed to bargain in good faith.

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Steamfitters' Apprentice Contest

By JIM MARTIN

The United Association National Pipefitters' Apprenticeship Committee, at their meeting held recently in Washington, D. C., made necessary arrangements to hold the third annual international apprenticeship contest at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, on August 8, 9 and 10. The first, second and third place plumber and pipefitter apprentice winners will again receive cash awards of \$1,000.00, \$500.00 and \$250.00 respectively. These checks, as well as plaques, will be presented to these apprentices at the opening day of our National United Association convention to be held at Kansas City, Missouri, from August 13 to 18.

There will not be a conference at Purdue this year due to the convention but the instructor's course will again be held and will be something different. Last year the teacher trainers at Purdue University gave training courses in preparation of examination sheets, on how to prepare course outlines in order to determine what to teach, along with the lines of the regular teacher training course which some States hold. This year we are going to specialize and concentrate on the United Association text material, the plumbing apprentice text in seven volumes and the Washburn Trade School Manuals, in four morning sessions. There will be actual demonstrations of teaching from these textbooks. There will be three afternoon sessions; the conference winding up Friday at noon. In the afternoon sessions, there will be demonstrations of skill lessons.

The contest rules, etc., will be mailed March 20 to all United Association local unions, covering United States and Canada. While in Washington, D. C., the writer also attended the second annual legislative conference called by President Richard Gray of the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Department. The purpose of the conference was to further the legislative program of the Department.

The delegates to the conference did as we did last year, called on our Senators and Representatives in Congress, explaining to them the position of building tradesmen on the proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act and the Davis-Bacon (prevailing wage) Act.

We also impressed upon our Congressmen our interest and concern with the early enactment of legislation to provide adequate housing, school construction and highway construction.

The conference was very well attended with over 1200 Representatives of the building trades in attendance. The United Association had 295 delegates, representing various local unions throughout the United States.

Our next meeting, to be held April 5, 1956 will be a special called meeting for the purpose of electing delegates to the California Pipe Trades convention to be held in San Jose April 27, 28 and 29.

The executive board wishes to advise all shop stewards that there will be a meeting of all shop stewards, Thursday, March 29, in Hall "D", Labor Temple, at 8:00 P.M.

Pin Rail

Stage Union 107 Man's Close Call

By WILLIAM PELKEY

The writing of this column falls just before a meeting and also before the party, so I am without much to report on. Of course, there is always the continuing story about the stagehand and his new thunderbird, which is not so new now, as he tried to move a retaining wall the other night, needless to say it now looks like a fallen sparrow, or so my informant tells me.

Herby McCaw recalling old times Saturday night at Oakland High School Auditorium.

Leonard Haentjens tells me of an incident that happened at the Paramount Theatre while they were getting ready for the picture "Carousel." Seems the lower end of a block and fall was let loose to soon, and started to swing, in swinging it missed Loren Abbott, you might say he almost had the blocks thrown to him.

A vote of thanks to Marvin the house man at the Oakland High School auditorium for a good job Saturday night.

JAMES W. BREWBAKER, new counsel for the House Labor Committee is a former National Association of Manufacturers "legislative reporter" and former lawyer for unidentified clients with a passionate interest in "exposing" political contributions by union members.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING for teachers, as a means of improving education generally as well as working conditions, was held out to 700 members of the New York Teachers Guild at the annual conference.

Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Ask Right Addresses

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Attention All Members: Some of the members are mailing into the office, dues payments with the return address on envelopes different than the one we show on our records. We endeavor to keep our records current, therefore, request that you notify the office immediately if you have a change of address.

We are extremely sorry to have to report the passing of one of our oldest members.

Bro. Marvin Grandstaff, proprietor member of this organization, passed away on March 8.

His son Douglas, also a watchmaker, informs the office that they are desirous of selling his dad's tools. We understand there is also a substantial amount of watch material to be sold, and all items for sale will be sold at a reasonable price.

Anyone interested should telephone BRowning 6-0468.

San Francisco Membership Meeting: The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:30 p. m., Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason St., San Francisco.

9000 CITY EMPLOYEES in San Francisco are to get pay increases July 1, the Board of Supervisors has, voted. The varying increases will be based on studies of scales in other cities for comparable jobs.

S. F. SUPERVISORS will ask the voters to approve June 5 an increase of the salaries of the 11 members of the board from the present \$200 monthly to \$400.

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To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Steamfitters 342

The Thirty-Sixth California Pipe Trades convention will be held in San Jose April 27, 28 and 29. Registrations for delegates were opened March 1. Closing date for registrations will be March 22. First reading of registrations will be held March 15. The second reading of registrations and the election of delegates will be held at the special called meeting of April 5.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.

Hayward Painters 1178

Friday evening, March 16 we meet again in a regular session and, as beforementioned, at the next several meetings there will be reports made on some subjects that will be of importance to us all.

After the meeting has closed the semi-monthly get-together will be the next order of the evening. We'll see you there.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

The regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 8:00 p.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternally yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Labor's Guide to Primary Election

California AFL political headquarters have issued primary election guides to all local units of the CLLEPE.

The guides consist of issues upon which candidates for both state and federal office should be questioned by local labor representatives.

The California Labor League for Political Education will hold its pre-primary convention in San Francisco April 6. The convention will consider local league recommendations for the state assembly, state senate and U. S. congress.

State legislative questions proposed in the primary guide include such issues as secondary boycott, compulsory open shop, liberalization of unemployment insurance, disability insurance, workmen's compensation and enactment of an FEPC law with enforcement powers.

Federal issues include repeal or radical amendment of the Taft-Hartley law, restoration of excess profit taxes for corporations, extension and improvement of the social security system, and a stepped-up federal housing program.

HENRY ZAHARIN, for 21 years manager of the area Joint Executive Board of the Ladies Garment Workers Union, has been voted out of office. He lost to Ralph King, Melba Fidler, who ran on the Zaharin ticket, lost to Anna Russo. The new officers take office April 1.

Senator Richards On Taft-Hartley

A statement of his position on legislation affecting union principles was made by State Senator Richard Richards, Democratic candidate for U. S. Senate, in a letter to officers and members of local unions in California.

Regarding the Taft-Hartley Law, Richards said: "The Taft-Hartley Law is, in my opinion, discriminatory, vague, and so broadly drawn as to allow almost any interpretation that those who invoke it against labor unions choose to give it. Under Taft-Hartley the rights of organized labor have been repeatedly attacked. This law should be repealed, and if ever I have the opportunity to vote for its repeal, I will do so without hesitation."

The deliberately misleading "right-to-work" propaganda is part of the mischief created by the Taft-Hartley Law. As a result of the law's so-called "States' rights" provision 17 states have enacted various anti-union statutes. Here in California, I believe we can fight off any attempt to enact such a law, but the source of the trouble—the Taft-Hartley Law—should be rooted out at the "Federal Level."

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Up The Ladder With Painters 40

Painters Local 40 On Bylaw Changes

By BEN RASNICK

The executive boards of the five painters locals affiliated with District Council 16 have been asked to meet Wednesday evening, March 21 at 8:00 p. m. in the Labor Temple. The subject to be discussed will be the proposed changes in the council laws.

There has been a lot of talk among the membership with regard to the proposed changes and most of it has been very biased, both pro and con. One purpose of this meeting, if successful, will be to dissolve the phony barriers that have virtually isolated each local union and which have done more to retard our movement than all the employer groups in the bay area.

We must learn to combine the intensity of our convictions with a broad tolerance of differences of opinion. Tolerance without any conviction can be a negative state of mind, a vacuum in which you don't know what you believe yourself. Tolerance with conviction makes a combination in which each strengthens the other and creates a continuing desire to test your own ideas and a determination to allow that same freedom to others.

I hope that each executive board member will find time to attend this meeting, and you will if you live up to your responsibilities as a representative of your local. I hope, too, that in the future we can hold regular scheduled meetings of the executive boards. Regarding the subjects to discuss, I'm sure that regular meetings will do much to bring local unions closer together.

District Council 16 will sponsor a picnic this year, and all locals affiliated with the council will be invited to attend. Of course, this means your whole family. As soon as the details are worked out, you will be informed through your local union.

We had a very good meeting last Friday which was well attended. Brothers Heinmans and Vezey, delegates to the State Conference of Painters, gave their reports which were well received by the members. Incidentally, Brother Clarence Vezey was re-elected as a trustee of the conference for another three years. Since there are only three trustees for the entire State, we can take much pride in Brother Vezey's reelection.

The next meeting of Painters Local 40 will be Friday, March 23 at 8:00 p.m.

UNEMPLOYMENT in the railroad industry was tackled by 400 delegates, representing 300,000 shop workers, at the AFL-CIO Railway Employees' Department Convention.

ARTHUR A. ELDER, member of the AFL-CIO Committee on Education and head of the Ladies Garment Workers Training Institute, died at the age of 56.

UNION LABOR Life Insurance Company, founded 29 years ago by trade unions of the AFL, notifies organized labor in California that it has applied for permission to transact business in this State. It has met all the requirements, says a letter to the Central Labor Council from the Company.

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Dressing Room Chatter

Theater B-82 Says Movies Now Better

By JOE CONNELLY

Several years ago movie publicists as part of a campaign to stimulate public interest in their product came up with a slogan, "Movies Are Better Than Ever." Unfortunately at that time the product did not live up to the slogan and MABTE became a stock joke in and out of the industry.

Then the movie chiefs adopted another campaign, a very simple campaign. Instead of selling slogans they made better pictures.

The overall quality has increased a great deal, what with the development of new stars, vast technical improvements and quality stories.

Never in our recollection have so many top drawer pictures played locally simultaneously.

Yesterday the Paramount opened with the new CinemaScope 55 production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Carousel"; the Roxie is in its second week of "Guys and Dolls" in standard CinemaScope and color; while Fox-Oakland is holding over the VistaVision production of "The Rose Tattoo" which has received 8 Academy Award nominations; the Berkeley holds the controversial "Man With the Golden Arm."

These are just a sample of the current product available in the first run houses.

Many of the neighborhood houses also have good quality entertainment, for instance the California brought back two of the subjects to discuss, with "East of Eden" and "Battle Cry" on the same bill. Space limitations prohibit complete listings, but while this column is mainly for our membership we realize many non-members may read it and if they are part of the "lost audience" they may come into the fold.

Up and down the aisle . . . Ray Davis, resigning as manager of the U. C. Jim Sincich, moving from the Campus to replace him, while Bob Apple takes over the Campus chores in addition to running the California. Sue Cunniff of the Del Mar being cited by a San Leandro paper for her quick thinking in a recent emergency. An item we would have missed if former Vice-President Eddy Chew hadn't forwarded it to us. Adele Kuykendall rounding out her 13th year at the Globe.

35-HOUR WEEK for the Bureau of Engraving & Printing as a means of relieving the impact of automation was asked of Congress by Chairman John D. Fitzgerald of Plate Printers Local 2.

EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL, FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1956

Labor Editor Raps GOP P. O. Fat Cats

Charles Clough, editor of the Valley Labor Citizen at Fresno, has from the start kept a watchful eye on the development by the Republicans of new fat jobs in the Post Office through the setting up of regional offices.

Following the appointment of C. V. Scoggins, former secretary to Earl Warren when Governor, to the \$15,000 San Francisco job as regional boss of the postal service, Clough editorialized vigorously.

He quoted a report by the House Subcommittee on Post Office and Postal Operations that the "provision for 91 district managers, with office staffs, is neither essential nor desirable."

The new setup, says the report quoted by Clough, means the addition of 1446 persons, most of them getting \$7000 a year or more, to the payroll and will cost the taxpayers an additional \$15 millions a year.

Yet "consider," says Clough, "the terrific fight postal employees, who get about \$4000 a year, have to put up for every raise they get."

Clough concludes with this comment: "We doubt if these better paying jobs are doing the Post Office much good, but we are sure the politicians are finding them mighty valuable for paying off political debts. It certainly doesn't fit into any scheme for economy which has been talked about so much, and other details in the report indicate it is producing little by way of greater efficiency."

10,000 UNIONISTS and friends in the Denver area are wearing buttons which read "I don't watch KOA Channel 4" in support of the Broadcast Employees strike against KOA's radio and television stations.

Carpenters Told Labor Foes Busy

Warnings that anti-labor forces are seeking to undermine labor's economic and political rights, and administrative changes that will streamline and speed up future conventions, were highlights of the recent 28th annual convention of the California State Council of Carpenters in San Jose.

The convention was the largest in the history of the council. Senior officers were re-elected, including President Joseph Cambiano, San Mateo, for his 29th term. Others re-elected were Vice-president Harry J. Harkleroad, Orange County, vice-president; and Ernest T. Aronson, San Francisco, after contests.

The five district members of the executive board, selected in caucuses of delegates of their respective districts were: Garvin McGehee, El Monte, District 1; W. C. Bracken, Los Banos, District 2; W. F. Kelly, San Francisco, District 3; Marvin Marcus, Stockton, District 4; R. L. Sessions, El Centro, District 5.

Long Beach won out as the 1957 Convention city over three competitors, Orange County (Disneyland), San Diego, and Stockton, in that order.

The anti-labor warning was given in an address by Brother C. J. "Neil" Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, in discussing legislation. He specifically urged members of labor to request their Congressmen and Senators to VOTE AGAINST A BILL SPONSORED BY CONGRESSMAN HESTAND, of Los Angeles, which would place labor organizations under the anti-monopoly laws governing business. The other vicious measure is the Curtis-Goldwater Bill, which prohibits contributions to political campaigns.

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OPINIONS

NAZIS WERE WHITE

Editor, Labor Journal:

I am indeed happy the violent anti-Negro letter which appeared in East Bay Labor Journal February 17 was so ably answered. I find it difficult to control emotions after having read such trash. Today I find the opportunity of being offered yet one more of these "opinions".

So the Negroes are all savage! Well, then I am happy that we have so many savages in our midst. I have never met a more magnificent "savage" than Marion Anderson. She not only has a great voice, but oozes humanity.

What about Dr. Ralph Bunche? There has not been a more humane savage in the world. It is, I must say, rather strange that such a savage was able to bring a cease-fire in the Middle-East. Dr. Bunche is today just about the most respected man in the United Nations.

One more thing: I had the "pleasure" to grow up under the yoke of Nazi-tyranny. And that bunch of savages was all PURE-WHITE. Need I say more?

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'MERE MENIALS'

The liberty of this country and its great interests will never be secure if its public men become mere menials to do the biddings of their constituents instead of being representatives in the true sense of the word, looking to the lasting prosperity and future interests of the whole country. — U. S. Senator, L. Q. C. Lamar, in 1878.

SO IT'S WITTY?

The San Francisco Examiner in its editorial column of February 16 maintains that in one of his recent speeches, "Nixon displayed a wit that made the quips of Adlai Stevenson appear sophomoric. Example: 'It's a lot better to be on the brink than in the drink as far as war is concerned.'"

CAN'T READ

Senator Morse, referring to Secretary of Agriculture Benson's apology for endorsing a farm article in Harper's Magazine which he said he had not read, declared:

"This is the most non-reading administration in all history. They don't even read magazines any more."

RECESSIONS

We're just kidding ourselves if we think there will never be any recessions in this country again. — Federal Reserve Board Chairman William McChesney Martin Jr.

GREAT PARTIES

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EDITORIALS

Both Rightists and Leftists Up to Tricks in California

Diligence in observing and heading off Communist infiltration is one thing, and demagogic redbaiting is another thing entirely. Yet sometimes it is hard to draw the line between them with assurance—even in one's own conduct, let us add.

Former Congressman Sam Yorty, who spoke before the Central Labor Council last week as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator in the June 5 primary, is classed by some labor people as a man somewhat inclined to demagogic redbaiting. In both the Legislature and the House of Representatives he won some headlines as a seeker-out and hunter-down of the Reds.

Nevertheless, when Yorty told the Central Labor Council that "in this campaign we are going to have to fight the old United Front crowd all over again," he was sounding a warning that definitely does need to be heeded. Those Red-heads, dyed to other hues, are popping up from the political trenches all about us. In two counties we know of in the Bay Area groups have appeared, ostensibly made up of sincere liberals, which are being watched with care and disturbed feelings by those who have been through all this before. We say in two counties, but of course there must be other counties in the State where this is going on.

Yorty called attention to the loose structure of the political club movement which, he contends, enables Communists to form clubs or to infiltrate clubs with ease. He claims that some of the clubs which sent delegates to the Fresno pre-primary conference from the area in Southern California which he knows best gave evidences of having either actually been formed by the Communists or of having been infiltrated by them.

Now the political club movement in California has done a great deal of good. The editor of this paper has been an enthusiastic participant in that movement for years. Nevertheless, that participation has brought some uncomfortable reflections, based upon painful experience, on the persistence with which the Communists endeavor to penetrate the club movement.

We all know that the Russian line just now is light, sweetness, soft soap, and the United Front. The Russian party right here in the Bay Area, Russian in ideology and tactics although owned and financed by Americans who are devoted to building up the Russian Empire—that paper is actively intervening in the current political campaign. Yorty was able to cite that paper's policies in his talk before the Labor Council.

The labor movement is presumably going to have to make a decision as to the relative merits of State Senator Richard Richards and Yorty as the candidate to back for the U. S. Senatorship, as there is assuredly little chance of California labor backing Senator Kuchel, the Republican worker for the Knowland machine.

In Yorty's case when honestly liberal labor people are making their decision, if they decide for him it will be only after they are confident that he is not serving secretly reactionary interests, not indulging in redbaiting demagoguery. In Richards' case, they would decide for him only if they were confident that his campaign was being so managed that any Commie-tinged elements were being made to understand clearly that they were despised and repudiated.

Liberal labor wants no infiltration in its politics from either the Right or the Left, from the Communists or the Hearsts and Chandlers.

Attaway for Hayward City Council

The election of members of the Hayward City Council to be held April 10 is of great importance to labor people there and also to citizens of Hayward not connected with labor.

Strong AFLCIO backing, as well as the backing of citizens in all groups interested in the development of Hayward, is being given to Floyd Attaway, one of the well known labor men of that community. As a member of the Hayward City Planning Commission, he has won a good reputation for displaying sound judgment in civic affairs.

Some of the old downtown business group in Hayward fear that if the community continues to expand and develop new shopping facilities there won't be so many customers for them as there were in good old horse and buggy days. But those days are over, and there is no reason why the expansion of Hayward should be blocked by the maneuvers of these interests.

The world is not standing still, and neither can Hayward stand still. Attaway, realizing this, would make a good member of the City Council. He will be elected if his friends in labor, business, and the professions—for he has them in all groups of citizens—will get in and work for his candidacy as it deserves to be worked for.

Tricky Dicky Tricked

Associated Press: He said he has invited Nixon to chart his own political future. The President added, "I have asked him to tell me . . . what he would like to do."

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Labor's 'Friend,' Eden Township's Hospital, Is Castigated by Editor

Eden Township Hospital, the management of which took a very hostile attitude to labor unions some time ago, resulting in prolonged picketing, is the subject of a sharp editorial in the Morning News of San Leandro. It appeared in the issue of February 23 and is reprinted in part below:

Only a few months ago, directors of Eden Hospital took all the "gravy" possible out of the state-ordered increase in assessed valuations. They kept the tax rate up, although there was a 20 percent fictitious increase in valuations plus new property values which were not fictitious.

At the same time, they maintained near-maximum charges to patients by agreeing to charge at least as much as other hospitals — a practice which can drive hospital bills in only one direction — up.

Subsidized by millions of gift dollars from the federal and state governments, Eden Hospital directors have been under no compulsion to pay full "rent" for the building and grounds the hospital occupies.

As a result of tax increases, high charges to patients, and building subsidies, the institution has proved tremendously "profitable" even in its beginning year, although occupied far below capacity.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have piled up, despite attempts to use the money by seeking the "best" of high-priced personnel and equipment.

As a result, there has been a quick about-face. Last time, taxes were raised sharply. This time it is now agreed by the directors that there should be no tax at all.

We are glad that the directors are now taking some step to relieve the plight of the people of Eden Township. For the plight is obvious. The people of Eden Township pay more for hospital service than any of their neighbors. They pay twice where others pay but once. They now pay the same

State BTC's Newly Named President Is Long Beach Man

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be added to the We Don't Patronize list.

Nelson also requested that Don Trembley, prefab homes contractor, be removed from the We Don't Patronize list, as he has now signed contracts and his operations are entirely unionized.

CHURCH WORK

The Board of Business Agents reported that Mr. Peterson, pastor of the Berkeley Mt. Zion Church had discussed the use of volunteer labor in building a new edifice, that there had been further discussion of the situation at the Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church, and that a meeting with the Church Council was being arranged to discuss church construction policy.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Receipt of a publication from State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty on the way members of the Legislature in 1955 voted at committee meetings was acknowledged.

SILVA GIVEN LEAVE

Abel Silva, Hod Carriers, was granted leave of absence for 90 days from his duties as a trustee.

DILLASHAW AS BA

Bruce Dillashaw, Cement Masons, acting as BTC business representative during the absence of J. L. Childers at the Washington conference on legislation affecting the building trades, said he'd been reading Mr. Truman's account of how it felt to be suddenly put in a new job, and he felt the same way Mr. Truman did.

CEMENT CITATION

Mark Stevens, contractor, it was announced, had been cited at the request of the Cement Masons.

BRIDGE, STRUCTURAL and Ornamental Iron Workers recently announced the appointment of a national apprenticeship representative, the ninth for the construction industry.

1956 WILL BE a year of adjustments, with some ups and downs, predicts AFLCIO Executive Council.

Two State AFLCIO Offices Publish Data on Politics

Both the State CIO Council and the State Federation of Labor have recently put out interesting political documents.

The State CIO Council, John Despol, secretary, has put out a special political edition of its Council Newsletter containing the voting records of members of the California Legislature and of Senators and Representatives in the U. S. Congress.

The State Federation of Labor, C. J. Haggerty, secretary, has put out a record of the votes of members of the Legislature in committees. This is a supplement to the report on the record of the floor votes of the 1955 California Legislature.

The State CIO publication, its first page announces, "is printed for distribution to union members and interested liberals," and can be ordered at 10 cents the single copy, \$3 for 50 copies, \$17 for 500 copies, \$24 for 1000 copies. Orders, together with check or money order, should be mailed to California Industrial Union Council

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The special edition contains other interesting information on the political situation, in addition to the voting records already mentioned.

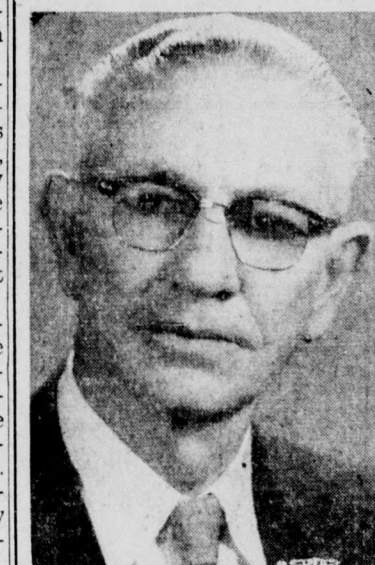
Haggerty in a covering letter addressed to affiliated councils and political leagues of the State Federation points out that "this committee survey is especially significant because no official record of committee votes is published in the State legislative process. Committee votes are often cast in relative privacy, away from the public surveillance that attends floor votes in either house."

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